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GOVERNOR HOSTS ANNUAL 'PACK TO SCHOOL' EVENT AT CAPITOL
Governor, state employees fill a school bus with donated school supplies

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano this morning joined employees from more than 30 state agencies to support Arizona's largest back-to-school supply drive. The event is part of an annual Pack to School campaign held in partnership with the Salvation Army.

State employees have been collecting supplies since June 25 and the drive continues through Aug. 3. Today's event was an opportunity for employees to celebrate their efforts and join the Governor to fill a bus with donated school supplies.

"All children deserve the opportunity to succeed in school," said Governor Napolitano. "These supplies will help create a sense of excitement about learning and the new school year and ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to learn and succeed."

Last year, approximately 7,500 students at 37 Arizona schools benefited from this drive, a goal the Governor and state employees hope to exceed this year.

Sponsors of this year's Pack to School campaign include Sleep America, FreeScale Semiconductor and Mountainside Fitness. Community members wishing to contribute to the campaign can drop off donations at any Sleep America or Mountainside Fitness location, as well as at the Salvation Army's Divisional Headquarters located at 2707 E. Van Buren.